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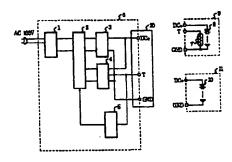
(54) BATTERY CHARGER FOR COPING WITH **MULTIPLE KINDS OF BATTERIES**

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide a battery charger capable of coping with multiple kind of batteries such as a nickel-cadmium battery, a nickel hydrogen battery, and a lithium secondary battery.

CONSTITUTION: This battery charger is constituted of a power circuit 1, a charge control switching circuit 2, a charge control circuit 3 for a lithium secondary battery, a charge control circuit 4 for a nickel-cadmium battery and a nickel hydrogen battery, and a temperature detection confirming circuit 5. The temperature detection confirming circuit 5 detects the presence of a temperature detecting element 7 in a battery pack, and a proper charge control system is determined when the charge control switching circuit 2 selects one of the charge control circuits 3, 4 based on it. Multiple kinds of batteries can be charged by the same battery charger, and the width of the battery selection can be widened with the same device.

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